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FROM
LORRAIN,
Occasion'd by the
CRISIS.

Written by an ENGLISHMAN.

*Ubi non est Pudor,
Nec Cura Juris, Sanctitas, Pietas, Fides,
Instabile Regnum est. Sen. Thyest. Act 2.*

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L E T T E R
TO
Mr. STEELE, &c.

Dear SIR,



I has been with no small Joy, as well as Admiration, that I have beheld the noble Boldness with which of late you have been pleased to express your Zeal for the Interest and Safety of your Country. It has now appeared to be such, as is not to be daunted by the angry Authority of great Men, nor silenced by the impertinent

nent Abuse of their hired Scribblers, who will always prove too weak a Match for an honest, sincere and disinterested Writer.

Give me leave to say that your Behaviour has already made all true *Englishmen* congratulate the Borough of *Stockbridge* upon their happy Choice. And it is no small Honour to so inconsiderable a Place, to have elected one to represent them, who is every way so amply qualified to maintain their Rights and Liberties against the Encroachments of Tyranny.

The *Guardian* concerning *Dunkirk*, and your Defence of that Paper, are too noble Instances of an *English* Spirit never to be forgotten. How just was your Resentment upon that Occasion, when a pitiful and unknown Burgher durst address Her Majesty upon an Affair of that Importance? And how insolent was it to publish his Memorial, after our wise and honest Ministers had thought fit to reject it?

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Yet how inhumanely were you treated upon this Score, as if to vindicate the Ministry, for adhering to the best Article in the whole Treaty of Peace, were insulting them, and dictating to your Queen? This was the first Occasion that Wretch the *Examiner* took to affront you; and, by falling upon you without Wit or Decency, has put you into the List with some of the ablest Men in Europe, for such I take the late Ministry to have been. But whatever Usage you might meet with from the Libelles of the *Jacobite* Faction, yet you must own our M——rs gave you a favourable Reception. They were so far moved with your seasonable Declaration, *That the Nation Expected the Demolition of Dunkirk*, that they ordered the Works to be demolished, even at a Time of Year, when but little could be done in it, as by the Event has plainly appeared. They had this, no doubt, in their View, that by their speedy Compliance with what you had laid before them, they might encourage you, or any other *Englishman*, to give them Notice when they should see any Thing

Thing omitted, that might be for the Interest of this Nation; which Notice by this very Example, they might assure themselves should not be neglected.

This was acting the Part of honest, wise and faithful M——s, and such doubtless they will be accounted, whilst in Power, though should they survive it, such vile Writers as the *Examiner* may fall upon them as indecently as he does now upon the late M——s, though not with equal Justice.

But why should I dwell any longer upon this Matter, since there is so much a fresher Instance of your Love to your Country, in the *Crisis* you have just now publish'd. You have by it furnish'd out a Dish for the *Examiner* and his Fellow-Writers to feed upon when they seem'd almost starv'd for want of Matter. But let them give it what Character they please, every true *Britain* must be delighted to see so plain a *Manifesto* against the *Pretender* publish'd at a Time when his Interest is grown so justly formidable. And it is no small Comfort to me, that this *Crisis* has

has met with so universal an Applause from all that are not profess^t Jacobites. Indeed those who will ever be cavilling at Works which they cannot mend, for want of a better, have this Objection to it, That the Acts of Parliament recited here, are too tedious, and take up too great a Part of the Book. For my part I rejoice to see them printed in so small a Volume, as that they may easily come into every Mechanicks Hands, whereas before they were scarce to be perused by any but our Lawyer. For these very *Acts* have so full an Explanation of the Tendency of the late fashionable Notions of Non-Resistance, Passive-Obedience, and Hereditary Right, that no one, after reading them, can doubt that Men of those

Principles are Enemies to the late Glorious Revolution, and to the *Hanover Succession*. In short, whatever you say of your own in the *Crisis*, bears but the Weight of a single Man's Opinion with it, but back'd by these Acts of Parliament, it becomes the Sense of a whole *British* Nation.

These are the Steps you have taken to awaken in your Countrymen a Sense of Liberty, and these are the Endeavours you have used to secure us from Popery and Slavery: But if you should stop here, Mr. *Steele*, your Work is altogether imperfect. The main Foot upon which you prest the Demolition of *Dunkirk*, was, because you hoped by it to remove the Power of *France*, and, of Consequence,

quence, the Pretender two hundred Mile off from *England*. This you thought such an Advantage to us, that there could be no Labour too great to procure it. Your *Crisis*, Sir, is an Endeavour of a more extraordinary Nature; it is to Remove this Imposture, this Chevalier St. *George* from a nearer Harbour, *viz.* in the Minds of the People. But alas! Is not this all defective, and of no Use, unless the Pretender is removed from *Lorraine*? You may attempt to reclaim his Friends the *Jacobites*, but what Success can you hope for, while he is so near at hand to support and cherish the Faction. And whilst he has so numerous a Party here, tho' *Dunkirk* be demolished, he may pass over from *Calais* with Transports without needing the

Assistance of a Fleet, which indeed he can have no nearer than from *Brest* : Therefore, Mr. *Steele*, use that great Interest you have with our M---s of State, and inform them that if they are, as they profess themselves, truly Lovers of their Country, there remains a Service to be done it, which will make them recorded for ever in History as true Patriots.

Tell them, Sir, that the British Nation expects the Removal of the Pretender from Lorrain.

They expect it, because our Nation is in a continual Danger of being invaded, and made a Scene of War and Bloodshed, so long as he remains so near to these Kingdoms.

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They expect it, because 'tis visible, that our Excellent Sovereign's Life is in a constant Danger, whilst that Usurper is so near at hand. For the *Jacobites*, of whom I fear there is too great a Number hidden under the Cloak of Oaths, when they shall find themselves sufficient for such a Work as the subduing of the Kingdom, and have the Pretender near enough to head them at a short Warning. These Men, I say, will not scruple to make way for him, by taking away that inestimable Jewel to her People, her present Majesty's Life.

The Demolishing of *Dunkirk* is an happy thing, as it removes from us an Enemy that must destroy our Trade. But

But the Pretender is an Enemy to our Trade, Liberty, and Religion, and must be the Death of our Queen, and Ruin of our Country.

And therefore, Mr. Steele, *The British Nation expects that the Pretender be removed from Lorrain.*

The Pretender is now at *Bar le Duc* in *Lorrain*, which is but three or four Days Journey from *Calais* or *Dunkirk*, every Body knows how near those Places are to us.

Now 'tis impossible to imagine that he can continue there, unless the King of *France* will permit it.

And

And if that King's Affection to the Pretender should be so great, as to carry him into a Design of settling him on the *British* Throne, who shall, nay, who can oppose him?

Shall the *British* Nation pretend to do it? No. They neither flew Spirit enough, nor if they did, is it possible they should be equal to so great a Work; their Fleets being laid up, and their Forces all Disbanded; themselves by it, being made a poor, helpless, destitute Nation, that have thrown away their Arms in the midst of Conquest, and must now be a Prey to the first Invader.

Shall

Shall the *Dutch* then guard us from the Pretender, when assisted by the Power of *France*? No. They have been too ill rewarded for their delivering us at the Revolution, ever to think of assisting us again upon such an Emergency. But had they ever so much Inclination to serve us, what can they do against the United powers of *France* and *Spain*? Will the Confederates join in a new League, and endeavour to assist and protect us in this Case. No. For how can they ever trust us, or what Engagements can we ever hereafter enter into, which they shall have any Security that we won't break through?

It

It is plain then, that if the Monarch of *France* will think fit to impose the *Pretender* upon us, it is not, humanely speaking, possible for us to resist him ; we must be obliged to submit to the Burden, thanking our selves that *France* is in a Capacity to give us Laws.

But if this Grand Monarch will espouse the Interest of Her Majesty, we are out of all Danger from any *Pretender* whatsoever.

When the D. of O. had his Orders not to fight, had he instead of that been permitted to have joined the Allies, *France* could have looked for nothing but a speedy Ruin and Destruction.

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Nay,

Nay, the King of *France* has own'd that to the Queen of *Great Britain* he owes not only the Kingdom of *Spain*, but that of *France* too, which fate tottering on his Head.

Now is it possible that a Prince so highly obliged as this, should decline the turning one out of any Dominions where he can command, who arraigns his Preserver's Title, and can settle himself on the Throne of these Kingdoms by nothing less than her Death ?

No ; The obliging the Duke of *Lorain* not to harbour the *Pre-tender* is the least Return the King of *France* can make to Her Majesty, for the great Favours he has received from Her. And therefore

fore it only depends upon our
M----y's finishing that this be
done ; and no doubt his most
Christian Majesty is too generous
a Prince, not to comply with so
reasonable a Request, which Gra-
titude obliges him to grant.

And therefore once more I say,
Mr. Steele, *That the British Na-
tion expects that the Pretender
should be removed from Lorain
pursuant to the Address of the
last House of Commons.*

Now, Mr. Steele, since the
Sieur Tugghe, an unknown Bur-
gher of *Dunkirk*, had the Assurance
not long ago to offer a Memorial
to her *Britannick* Majesty upon
an Affair no less important to
Europe, than the Demolition of

Dunkirk ; why should not I, who am a free Subject of our Glorious Queen A N N E, offer a Memorial to his Majesty of France, in an Affair which concerns no less than our Sovereign's Life and Safety, our Country's Welfare and Liberty, and my own Property. Believe me, these are Concerns too too momentous to be neglected.

I am sensible, that upon this Occasion, I shall be told that such Things belong to the M----rs of State, not to me ; but this is returning their Compliment : For the Sieur Tugghe, the late Memorialist, was no more a Minister of State than I am ; and could not have more concern in the Welfare of Dunkirk, than I must have in that of this Nation.

If

If he is a Burgher of *Dunkirk*,
 I am a Freeholder of *Great Britain*,
 which is a more considerable Man
 than any *French* Burgher can pre-
 tend to be. And, in a Word,
 there is nothing *Tugghe* can exceed
 me in, but slavish Submission and
 Passive Obedience.

For these Reasons I am resol-
 ved to be a Memorialist as well
 as *Tugghe*; and since I am not
 skilled in the Form usually pra-
 ctised in these Cases, I have sent
 my Address, Petition or Memorial
 to you to correct, before I go o-
 ver to *Versailles* my self, to pre-
 sent it to the King of *France*, I
 resolve to give it in at that Place,
 in hopes that the Diversions there
 will have so softened his Temper,
 as

as to make him the more favourable to me.

A most humble Address or Memorial to be offer'd to his most Christian Majesty the King of France, by a Freeholder of Kent.

May it please Your Majesty,

' **A** Freeholder of Great Britain is one who is not in the least afraid of approaching the greatest Sovereigns, and the most puissant Monarchs when their Assistance is necessary to the

‘ the Safety, or to the Happiness
‘ of his Country.

‘ It is now, Great Monarch,
‘ in your Power to make all the
‘ Freeholders of our Island easie
‘ and happy, without the least
‘ Detriment to your self.

‘ By the good Correspondence
‘ between your Majesty and our
‘ M-----rs of State, we now en-
‘ joy an entire Peace abroad ; all
‘ that we now want is Peace at
‘ Home, which you, Great King,
‘ and only you, are able to be-
‘ stow upon us.

‘ While the pretended Son of
‘ King *Janes* is so near us as *Lo-
rain*, and that is vulgarly be-
‘ lieved to be by your Permission,

‘ a

' a Faction will ever be kept up
 ' in *Great Britain*, which can have
 ' no End but Blood.

' Whereas would your Majes-
 ' ty be most *Christian* indeed,
 ' and spare all this Misery of a
 ' Civil War, which every Year
 ' threatens us more and more,
 ' you would command the Duke
 ' of *Lorain*, in whose Dominions
 ' the *Pretender* now resides, that
 ' he should give no farther Har-
 ' bour to the Usurper of Queen
 ' Anne's Title.

' I know that it may be urged
 ' upon this, that the Dukedom
 ' of *Lorain* is a free Principality,
 ' and that your Majesty has no
 ' Right to command there; but
 ' where is there a Prince in Eu-
 ' rope

‘ rope so regardless of his own
 ‘ Safety and Quiet, that he dare
 ‘ say *nay* to you since the Peace
 ‘ at Utrecht has been signed.

In that Treaty, and by Her
 Endeavours to bring the Confe-
 derates into it, as also by grant-
 ing you a Suspension of Arms,
 Her Majesty settled you in your
 Kingdom, which you acknow-
 ledged in a Letter to the Car-
 dinal *de Noailles*, was upon the
 point of being torn from you.

And will not your most Chri-
 stian Majesty in Gratitude for
 these great Obligations, make a
 proper Return, by securing Her
 Majesty in her Life and King-
 dom, which cannot be done

D ‘ whilst

‘ whilst the *Pretender* continues
‘ so near a Neighbour.

‘ The Sieur *Tuggbe*, a Burgher
‘ of *Dunkirk*, of whom your Ma-
‘ jesty may have heard, seem’d
‘ chiefly to press Her *Britannick*
‘ Majesty not to demolish *Dun-
kirk*, because by it Eighteen
‘ Thousand Families must be cer-
‘ tainly ruined.

‘ But should the pretended Son
‘ of King *James* come over to
‘ this Nation, as I am afraid, he
‘ being so near, the *Jacobite* Fa-
‘ ction may bring him over, even
‘ without your Majesty’s Aid, a
‘ Hundred Thousand Families
‘ must be ruined by it, at least,
‘ and many Thousands slain.

‘ For

' For Great Sir, I dare assure
 ' your Majesty that there are a-
 ' bove an Hundred Thousand
 ' Men ready to sacrifice their
 ' Lives, before they will admit
 ' of the *Pretender*, and his two ne-
 ' cessary Attendants, Popery and
 ' Slavery ; and amongst this
 ' Number, I your Majesty's pre-
 ' sent Petitioner will be bold to
 ' say, that I am one.

' There has already been too
 ' much Blood shed in *Europe*, who
 ' has been the Cause of it, I will
 ' not pretend to judge ; however,
 ' since 'tis in your Power, Great
 ' Sir, prevent any farther Effu-
 ' sion of it.

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‘ Your Majesty can never de-
‘ desire a better Friend than our
‘ present Queen, and therefore,
‘ for the Sake of Her, for the Sake
‘ of the *British* Nation, who have
‘ lately had such a Fondness for
‘ you and your Country, and for
‘ your own Sake, on whom the
‘ Blood-shed you might have pre-
‘ vented, will call for Vengeance ;
‘ I conjure you to favour my Re-
‘ quest ; and if your most Chri-
‘ stian Majesty will give your
‘ Orders to the Duke of *Lorrain*
‘ to dismiss the Chevalier St.
‘ *George* out of his Dominions,
‘ we the honest Freeholders of
‘ *Great Britain* shall ever grateful-
‘ ly acknowledge it, and in a
‘ particular Manner, I your hum-
‘ ble Petitioner, &c.

This

This, Mr. Steele, is the Memorial, which, if not prevented by some Greater Men, I design to offer to his most Christian Majesty, but first would submit it to the Consideration of one, whose Judgment I dare rely on. If you think this merits an Answer, pray let me receive it in the Englishman. Till when I remain,

Dear Sir, T E H
Your Sincere Friend,
and most Hovible Servant, T
Tomkins.

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